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SUBJECT: BLACK NEWSPAPER STORIES ON U.S. COMPANIES-
KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN

REF: JOHANNESBURG 1386

1. DEPARTMENT DISCUSSED WORLD ARTICLE QUOTED REFTTEL
WITH JOSEPH MCGARRY, VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS,
HEUBLEIN INTERNATIONAL. WE SUGGESTED THAT HEUBLEIN
SHOULD CONSIDER TAKING OUT ADS OR OTHER ACTION TO
CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN
(KFC) SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICAN OWNED FRAN-
CHISE STORES. MCGARRY RESPONDED THAT HARRY SCHWAB
HAD WRITTEN A LETTER OF CLARIFICATION TO THE EDITOR
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OF THE WORLD AND HAD ASKED THAT IT BE PUBLISHED.
MCGARRY INDICATED THAT HEUBLEIN WOULD CONSIDER
TAKING OTHER ACTIONS IF PROBLEMS PERSISTED. SCHWAB
HAS TOLD HEUBLEIN INTERNATIONAL THAT HE WAS ACCURATELY
QUOTED IN THE WORLD ARTICLE, BUT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED
THAT ARTICLE FAILED TO MENTION THAT A NUMBER OF KFC
SOUTH AFRICA STORES HAVE BLACK MANAGERS. ACCORDING

TO MCGARRY, SCHWAB IS CONTACTING THE OWNERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN FRANCHISE STORES TN AN ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THEM TO UPGRADE THEIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT REGIONAL LABOR OFFICER IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH KFC SOUTH AFRICA MANAGING DIRECTOR WARD SHOULD ENCOURAGE KFC TO CONTACT THE OWNERS OF ALL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN FRANCHISE STORES USING THE WORLD ARTICLE AS EVIDENCE OF THE NEED FOR THESE OWNERSTO IMPROVE THEIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES. VANCE

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